

Application No. 10/517,405

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on May 5, 2006. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The drawings stand objected under 37 CFR §1.83(a) for not showing the door lock system claimed in claim 16. Claim 16 has been canceled.

Claim 7 stands objected due to an informality. This has been appropriately corrected by amendment.

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Claim 15 has been canceled.

Claims 1-6, 10, 11, 14 and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Bode '552.

Claims 1-3, 10, 11, 14 and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Hahn et al. '586.

Applicant notes with gratitude that claims 7 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Claims 8, 9 and 13 would also be allowable.

Although Applicant traverses the 102 rejections, for the purposes of expediting allowance, claims 7 and 12 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Claims 5, 6 and 10 have been amended to depend from claim 7. Claims 1-4, 11 and 14-16 have been cancelled. In light of the above amendment, claims 5-10, 12 and 13 are deemed allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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